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Tēnā koe Dylan

OIA: 1343265 – Ka Ora, Ka Ako and Compass Group

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2025 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. Please provide copies of the contracts and agreements between the Ministry and Compass Group for the provision of the "School Lunch Collective" program. Included documents should include delivery and nutritional guidelines and requirements for the contract provision, as well as details about how contract performance is evaluated and terms under which the contract could be terminated.*
- 2. Additionally please provide communications between the Ministry and Compass Group since the 2025 school year began about the provision of the service, and any communications within the Ministry about the same.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I am refusing **part one** of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information request is publicly available. It was provided in response to a previous request, which is published at the following links:

OIA 1338537 – Response: https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-02/1338537%20Response.pdf?VersionId=Onjr4gD0onc.xLAp5Wi_Ml9uil9tZqey

OIA 1338537 – Appendix A: https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-02/Service%20Agreement%20MoE%20-%20Compass%20Group%20New%20Zealand%20Limited_0.pdf?VersionId=Mj74VgA6e5n_pqrpdhYatfroqtyA0_jGH

OIA 1338537 – Appendix B: https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-02/1338537%20Appendix%20B.pdf?VersionId=4_wYhXRIXiID5oYHL5KrLSsQtuCA_34G

OIA 1338537 – Appendix C: <https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-02/1338537%20Appendix%20C.pdf?VersionId=.CtJ9m76rkF.v9nB2RQrJVV21Gi23ivQ>



Please note that some of the information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to **part two** of your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 16 April 2025, which is an extension of 20 working days.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe for responding to this request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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